cultivated under the conditions of a temperature of 23 °C, a humidity of 60 % and an irradiation of 5000 lux. The keeping of freshness was evaluated visually. The number of days having elapsed until the cut flowers became unappreciable due to withering of flower petals, generation of bent necks, weathering of stems and leaves, etc., was regarded as the number of days for the flowers being preserved. The results are shown in Table 2. As compared with Comparative products, Inventive products were confirmed to have the effect for the flowers being preserved in all test systems, and the freshness-keeping effect of the sugar derivative- or sugar alcohol derivative- based surfactant (A) was thus recognized.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A plant freshness-keeping composition comprising at least one surfactant (A), wherein said surfactant has a sugar structure or a sugar alcohol structure, and at least one selected from the group consisting of a sugar (B), a plant hormone (C), an aging inhibitor (D), an aggregating agent for colloidal particles (E) and a germicide, fungicide and preservative (F).